

# PREPARING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR: A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES



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# SCHOOLS OUT!

With this past school year in our rearview mirrors, it is the perfect moment to reflect on our student's experiences at school and consider their options for the future. For new families with small students who will begin school in the fall, summer is an important opportunity to ensure families are prepared for this next step, and identifying options for the upcoming school year may be a vital part of that. The school search process can quickly become overwhelming, so beginning now and equipping yourself with the right resources is extremely important.

This booklet is a resource for families on how to plan for their summers while keeping the upcoming school year in mind and provides various options to enrich your child's time away from school.



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## Cleveland, Ohio









# School Selection



Cleveland Transformation Alliance's [school finder tool](#) allows families to find the best-fit school options based on individual needs, wants, and interests. As well as adjusting for the kinds of programs and services students needs. The school finder tool provides information on schools' progress and achievement levels based on data collected by the Ohio Department of Education. Visit the CTA's website for more information on selecting and enrolling in your family's best-fit school.



## Family Navigators

CTA tools and resources streamline what would usually be an intensive research process for parents to tackle. Families and caregivers can also contact CTA directly and connect with one of our CTA navigators, who can more closely assist through the school selection and enrollment process.

### Work with a Navigator



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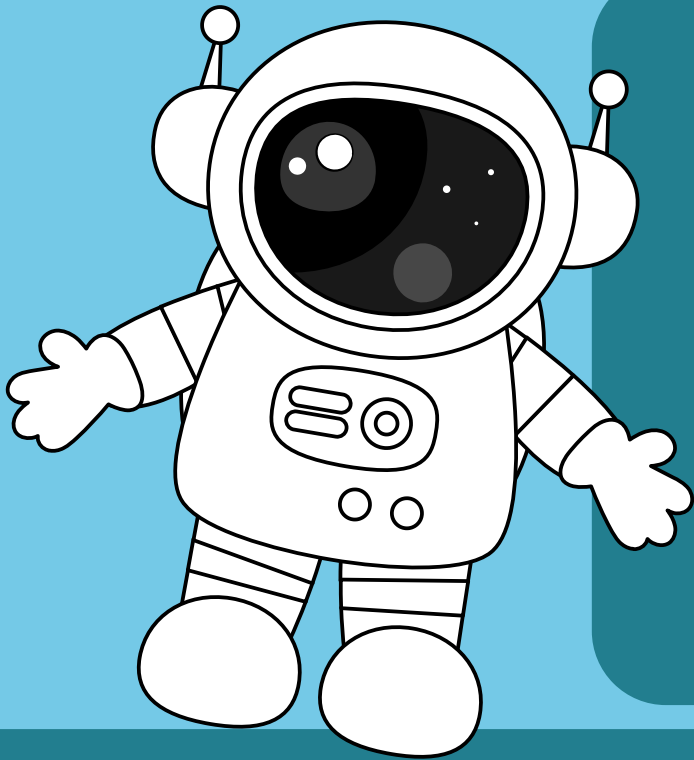
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# Community Programs



## Cleveland Public Library

Cleveland Public Library offers free programs for all ages.

- **0 to 3: Read to Me:** Research-based techniques to build language and literacy
- **Young Scholars' Academy:** Prepare students for kindergarten
- **Virtual Storytimes** with special guest
- **Test & Career Prep:** Center for older students.
- **Gaming:** Technology, explore the art and design of games, and connect with others
- **Studio 525:** Tech space designed for teens, blending the latest in technology

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## City of Cleveland: Neighborhood Resource & Recreation

### Arts

- Cultural Exploration through Art
- Spoken Word
- Comics
- Photography
- Summer Music Camp

### Sports & Recreation

- Tennis & Education Camp
- ESports
- Recess Cleveland
- Rugby
- America SCORES Soccer

### Education

- Aspire GED
- After-School All-Stars
- Reading Boost
- Reach Success
- Robotics
- STEAM & STEM Workshops
- Healthy Tress, Healthy Community

### Health and Wellness

- Circuit Training
- Healthy Cooking

### Daily Programs

- Swimming
- Judo
- Photography
- Basketball
- Boxing and MORE...

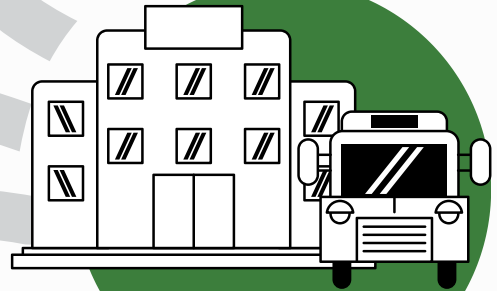


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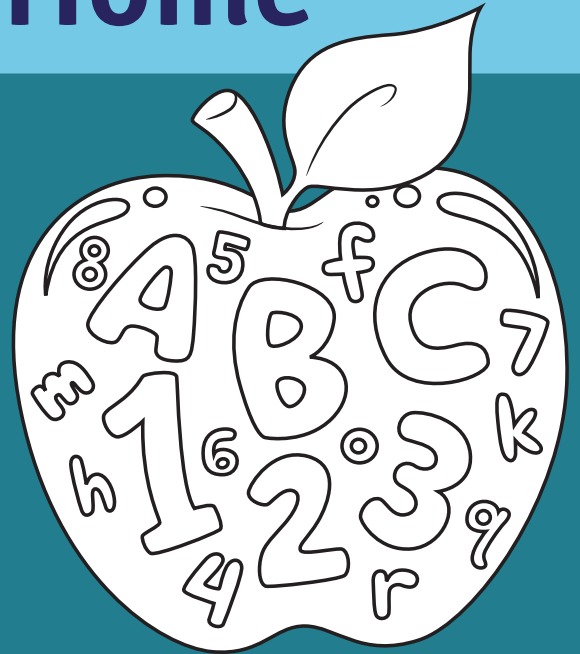
**Congrats!**  
**You've Found Your**  
**Best Fit School!**



# Starting at Home

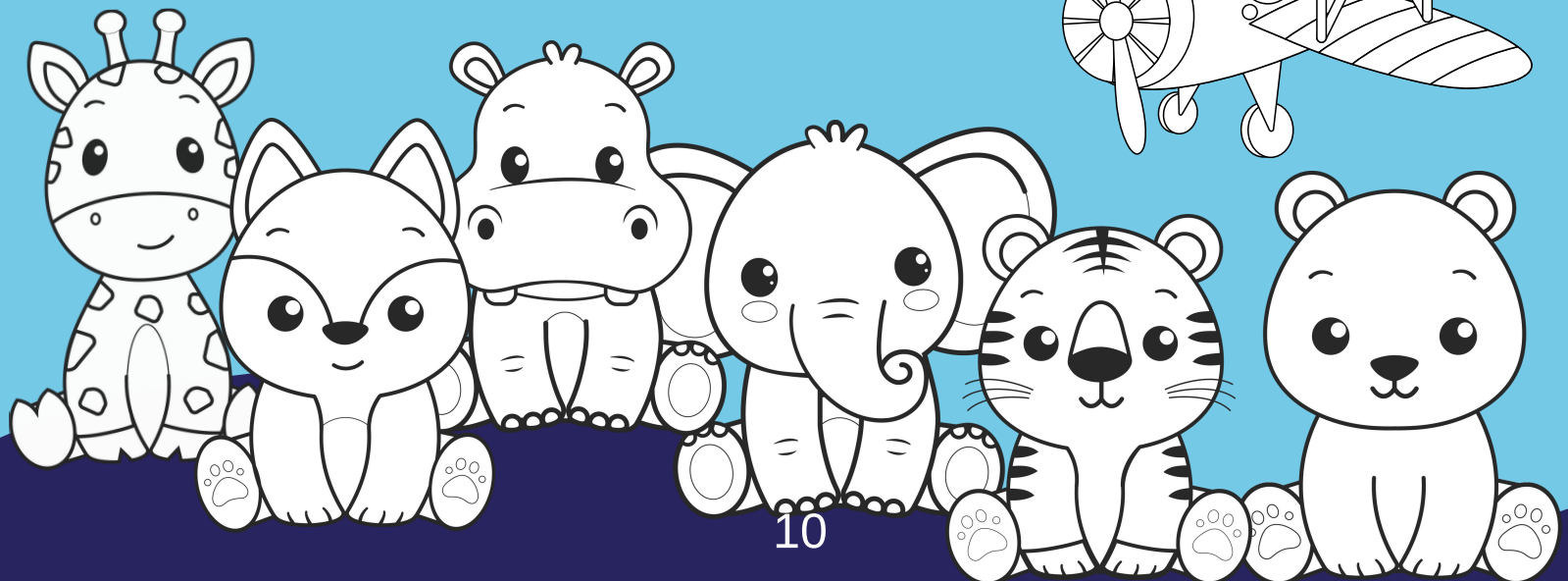
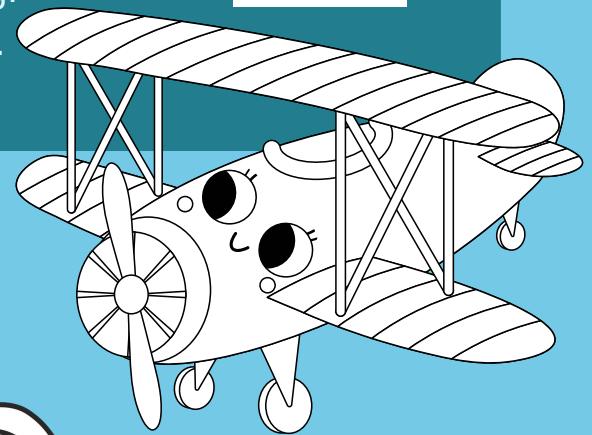
## Good Habits

Building a positive home atmosphere around learning is the first and most important step to preparing and exciting your students for school. There are many things you can do to foster education and curiosity during the summer.



## Family Resource Corner

- Emphasize reading and provide age-appropriate workbooks.
- Encourage problem-solving opportunities.
- Engage in day-to-day activities that support learning.
- Help them answer their questions to foster curiosity.





# Cleveland Family Cafes

## Get Support From Families in the Community

Cleveland Transformation Alliance offers Cleveland Family Cafes on various topics to engage the community on issues related to families and education.

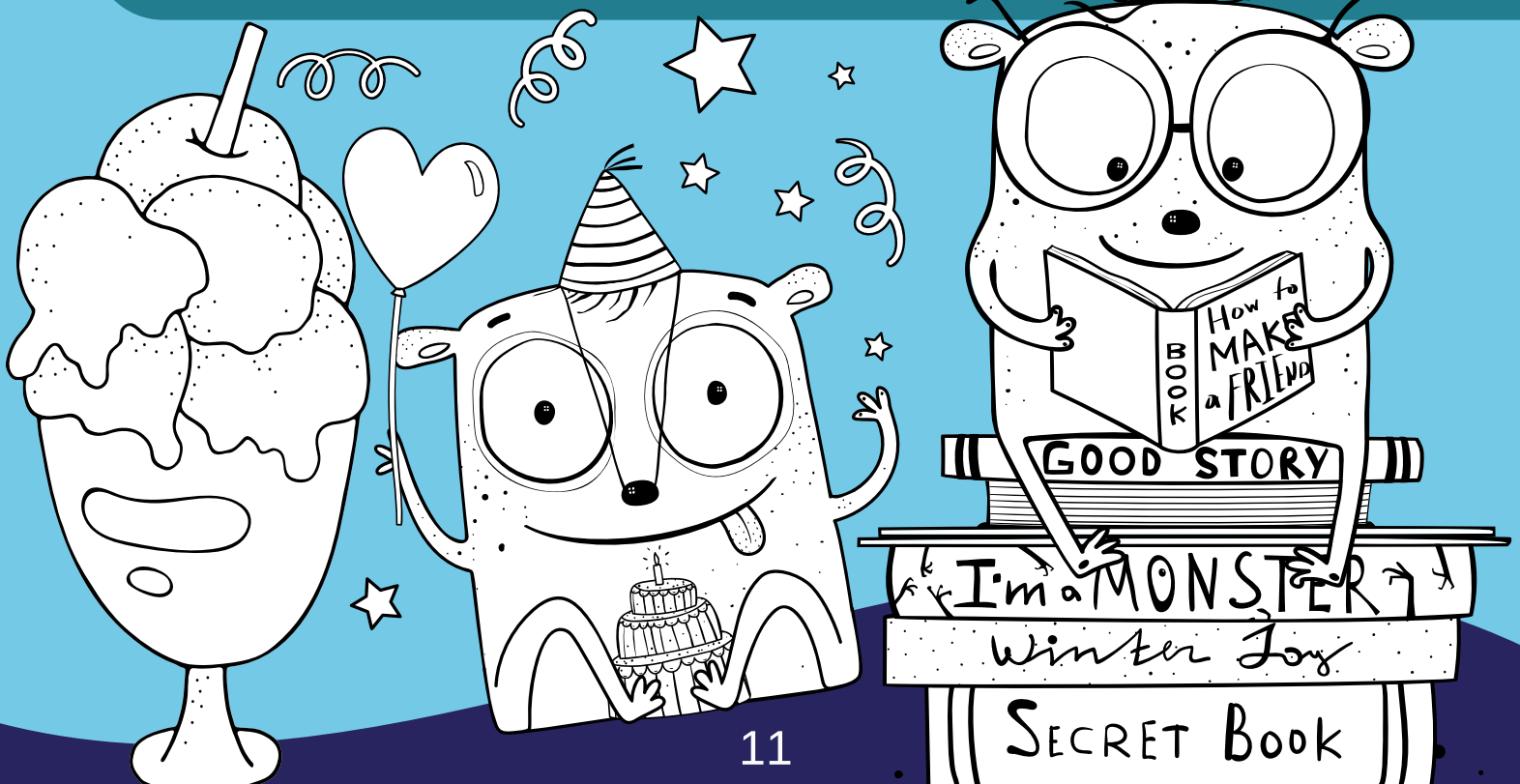
CTA cafes offer peer-led discussions for families to learn from one another and ask questions. Be sure to check our website for upcoming cafes to engage with throughout the summer or to look back on previous cafes, many of which are fully uploaded to our website.

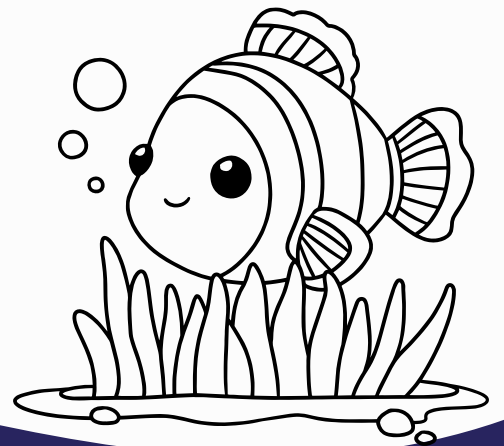
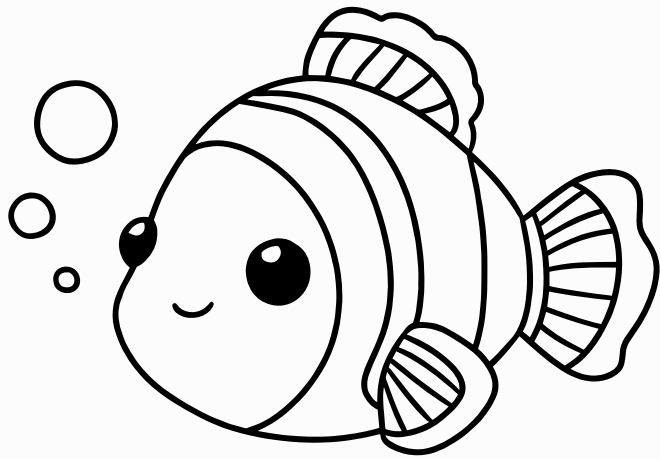
### Previous Cafes

- Kindergarten Readiness
- Advocating & Navigating Special Ed Resources
- School Safety and Prevention



Check out our past Family Cafe events and register for upcoming events.





# CTA Resources

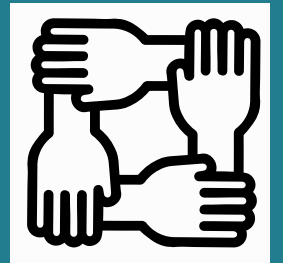
## CTA Navigator

Cleveland Transformation Alliance's (CTA) Navigator Program supports families in navigating Cleveland's public educational landscape by providing knowledgeable insight and assistance. With a deep understanding of Cleveland District and Charter schools, Navigators listen, connect, and collaborate with families, communities, and educators. They attend community events, guide families through information and enrollment processes, and serve as a liaison between the CTA and community organizations. This program offers inclusive support and is a valuable resource for families seeking educational guidance.



## Ambassador Program

CTA's Ambassador Program partners with community organizations, businesses, leaders, and families to support families in making informed school decisions. Ambassadors bridge the gap between CTA and the community, providing resources and knowledge. They advocate for equitable education, share materials, discuss school quality, respond to surveys, and empower families through guidance. The program fosters collaboration and community involvement and empowers families to choose the best schools for their children.



## Family Cafe

CTA's Cleveland Family Café events unite families and communities to discuss education and share their experiences. These events provide a safe and supportive environment for open sharing, connection, and learning. By partnering with community organizations across Cleveland and exchanging insights, resources, and best practices, CTA bridges the gap between community and family, enhancing services and ensuring quality school choices for every child. Each café focuses on a specific topic, equipping families with the tools and information to make informed decisions about their children's education.



# CTA Resources Cont.

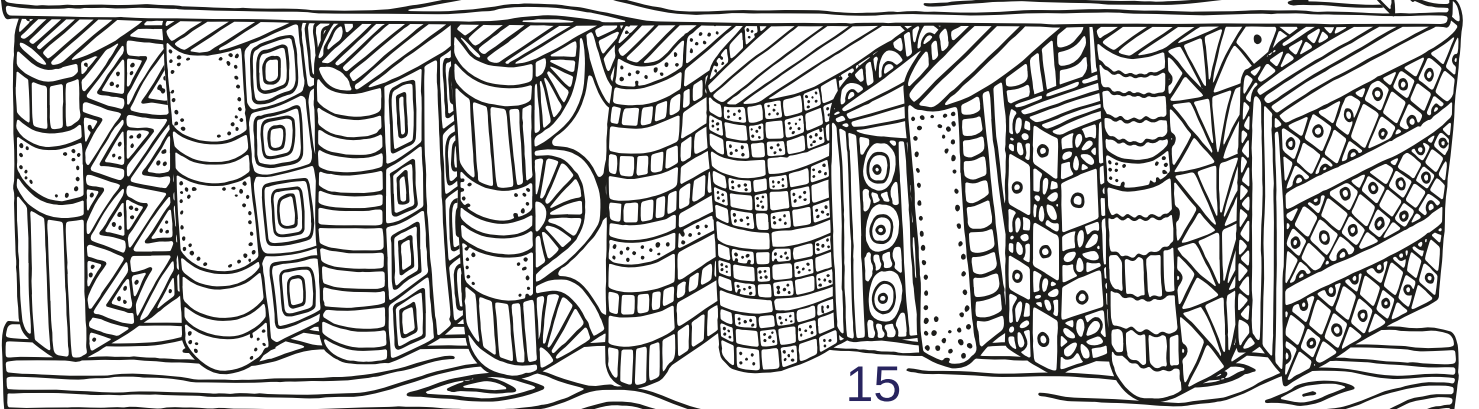
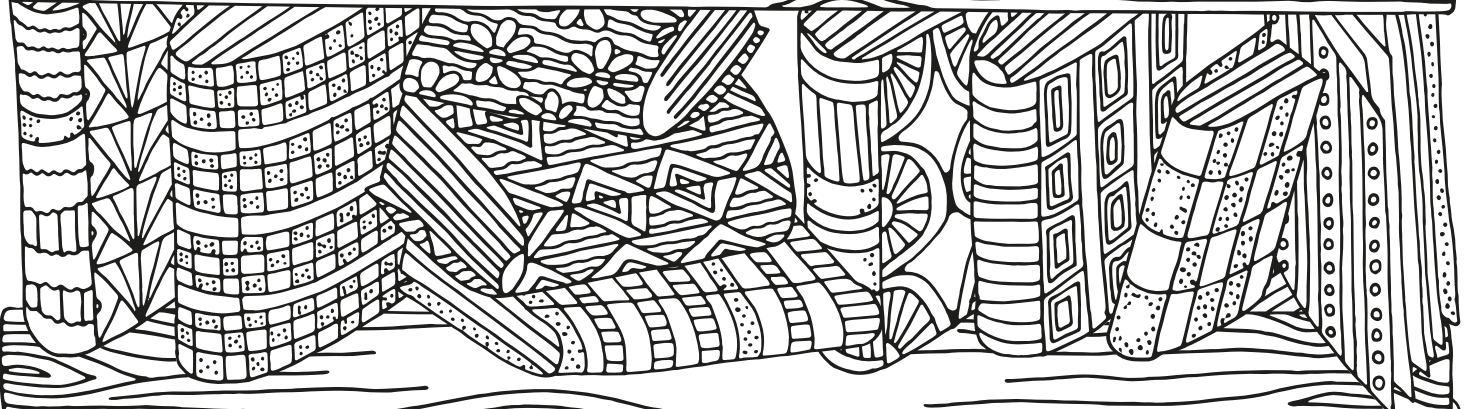
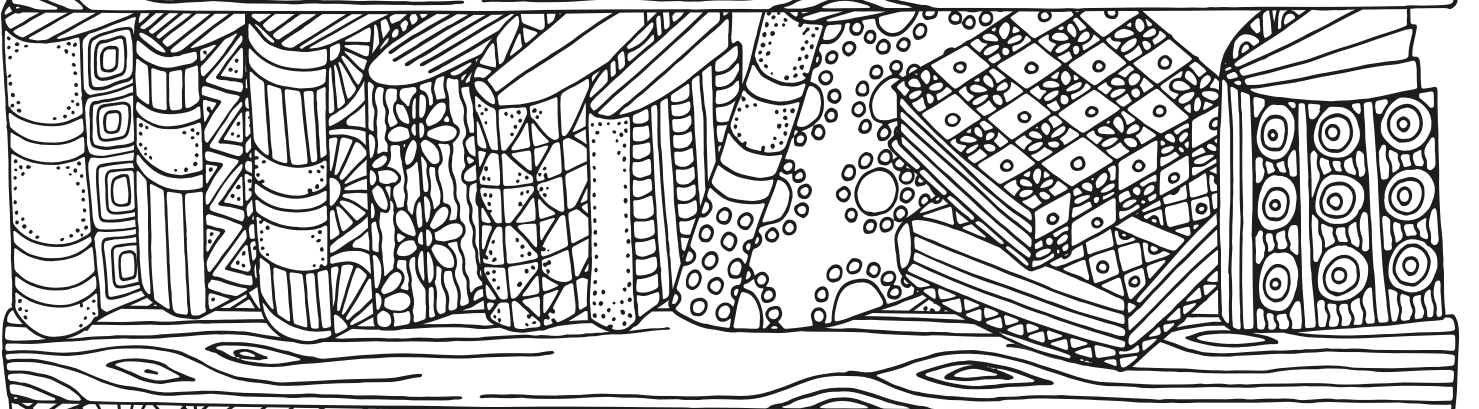
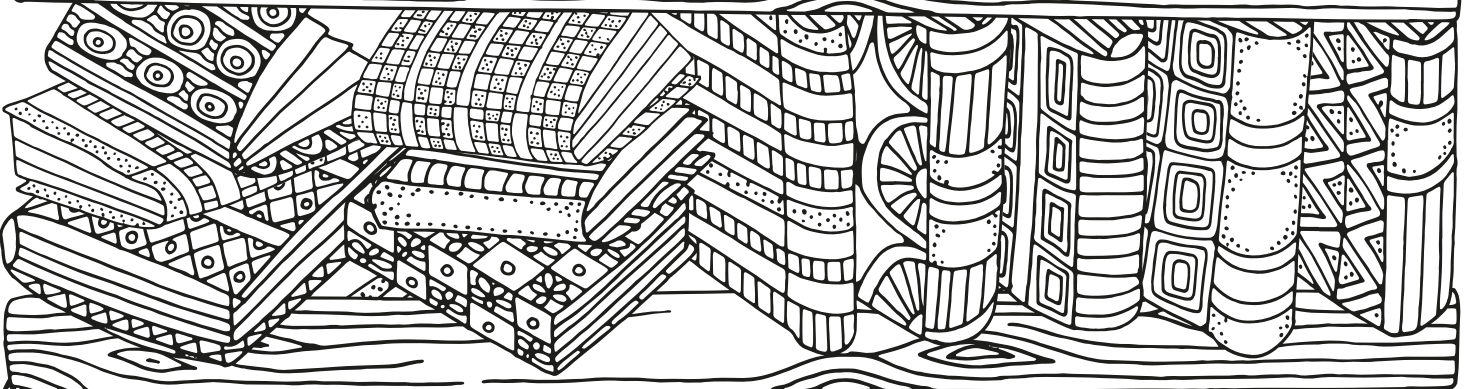
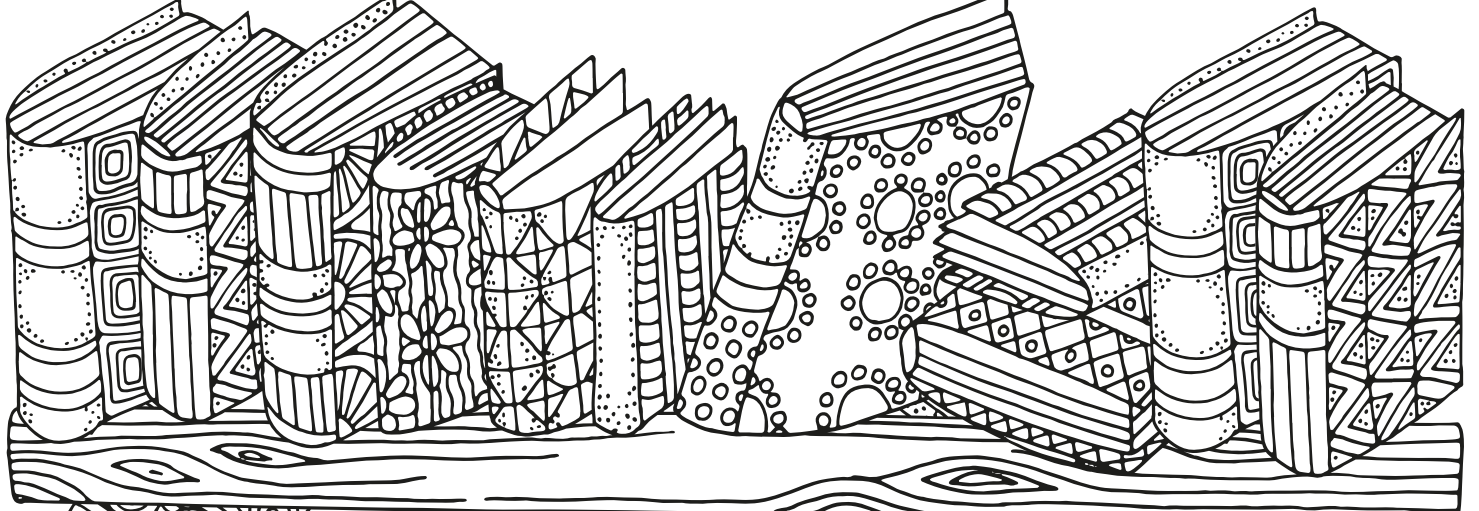
CTA is here to help you throughout your school preparation journey.



Check Out the Digital School Quality Guide.







# Contact Us

## Transforming Schools Toward Educational Equity

The Cleveland Transformation Alliance (CTA) is a trusted community partner working to ensure every student is engaged in a high-quality, equitable education. The CTA gives families and students the information they need to commit to their best-fit public school.

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